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Description

[0001] The present invention is directed to control devices for bicycles and, more particularly, to an electrical switch used to operate an electrical bicycle device, wherein the electrical switch is mounted on a brake lever bracket.

[0002] Bicycles are often equipped with computers for measuring and displaying various parameters such as the travel speed of the bicycle, the torque applied to the bottom bracket axle, the rider's pulse rate and blood pressure, etc.. The computer display is often detachably mounted on the bicycle, and mode and start switches are usually provided integrally with the display. The mode switch is used for switching among the types of parameters displayed, and the start switch is used to start and stop measurement of one or more of the displayed parameters.

[0003] In one known construction disclosed in US Patent No. 4,071,892, a display switch is disposed on the lever bracket to improve ease of operation. However, in this type of structure the switch projects substantially to the outside, so there is a risk of the switch occasionally hitting the ground and malfunctioning when the bicycle falls down. Also, because the push button of the switch is moved to operate the switch, foreign matter such as dust, rain, and condensed moisture can penetrate into the electric contacts of the switch through the gap between the push button and the switch mounting panel, thus corroding the electric contacts or resulting in inadequate contact.

[0004] The present invention is directed to a bicycle control device wherein an electrical switch may be mounted to a brake lever bracket without projecting excessively from the brake lever bracket, and wherein the switches are protected from contamination. In one embodiment of the present invention, a brake operating apparatus according to claim 1 is provided. Preferable or optional features are set out in the dependent claims. A brake member such as a brake lever is movably attached to the brake member bracket, and the switch mounting recess is structured for mounting an electrical switch therein. Since the switch is mounted within a recess in the brake member bracket, the switch does not project excessively from the brake member bracket.

[0005] In a more specific embodiment, the electrical switch includes a printed circuit board, a first push button for selectively operating an electrical circuit on the printed circuit board, and a second push button for selectively operating the electrical circuit. If desired, the first push button may operate a mode switch for a bicycle computer and the second push button may operate a start switch for the bicycle computer. Also, the first and second push buttons may project in a direction of an axis of rotation of the brake member to minimize the chance that the first and second push buttons will be mistakenly operated while riding the bicycle.

[0006] To prevent contaminants from affecting the

electronics, a flexible cover may be disposed on the brake member bracket to cover the first and second push buttons. Since the push buttons project slightly from the brake member bracket, the flexible cover may include a first protrusion disposed over the first push button and a second protrusion disposed over the second push button. To help the rider distinguish between the two push buttons, the first protrusion may be shaped differently from the second protrusion.

Figure 1 is a side view of a particular embodiment of a combined brake lever and control switch assembly;

Figure 2 is a partially exploded view of the brake lever and control switch assembly shown in Figure 1;

Figure 3 is an exploded view of the control switch assembly shown in Figure 2;

Figure 4(A) and 4(B) are front and side views, respectively, of the switch bottom case shown in Figure 3;

Figures 5(A) and 5(B) are front and rear views, respectively, of the printed circuit board shown in Figure 3;

Figure 6(A) is a front view of a push button guide member shown in Figure 3;

Figure 6(B) is a view taken along line VIB-VIB in Figure 6 (A) ;

Figure 7(A) is a front view of a push button shown in Figure 3;

Figure 7(B) is a view taken along line VIIB-VIIB in Figure 7(A);

Figure 8(A) is a front view of the seal member shown in Figure 3;

Figure 8(B) is a view taken along line VIIB-VIIB in Figure 8(A);

Figure 9(A) is a front view of the switch front cover shown in Figure 3;

Figure 9(B) is a rear view of the switch front cover shown in Figure 3;

Figure 9(C) is a side view of the switch front cover shown in Figure 3;

Figure 9(D) is a view taken along line IXD-IXD in Figure 9(A);

Figure 10 is a cross sectional view of the switch unit of Figure 3 in an assembled state; and

Figure 11 is a cross sectional view of an alternative embodiment of a switch unit in an assembled state.

[0007] Figure 1 is a side view of a particular embodiment of a combined brake lever and control switch assembly, and Figure 2 is a partially exploded view of the brake lever and control switch assembly shown in Figure 1. As shown in those Figures, a combined brake and shifting device 1 is mounted on a pivoted body 2. In this embodiment, the combined braking and shifting device 1 is a device in which front braking and rear shifting can be accomplished with the same control lever 3.

[0008] The pivoted body 2 is swingably mounted on a bar bracket with the aid of spindles (not shown) that pass through the spindle hole 4 of the unit and the spindle hole 6 of the lever bracket 5. One end of a brake cable 7 is connected to the pivoted body 2, and one end of a derailleur wire (not shown) for actuating a derailleur such as a rear derailleur (not shown) is linked to a winding drum 8. To actuate the brake, the control lever 3 is operated to pivot the pivoted body 2 and to pull the brake cable 7. To operate the derailleur, the control lever 3 is rotated around a rotational axis orthogonal to the pivot axis, the winding drum 8 is rotatably driven, and the derailleur wire is pulled, thus shifting gears. Thus, brakes are applied by pivoting the pivoted body 2 with the aid of the control lever 3, and gears are shifted by rotating the winding drum 8 with the aid of the same control lever 3. The combined brake and shifting device has a known structure as disclosed in Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application 2-225191, for example. Thus, further details of the structure will be omitted.

[0009] The shifting device 1 is equipped with a position sensor 9 for sensing the position of the winding drum 8. The position sensor 9 electrically senses the angle of the winding drum 8 by means of contacts. The shifting position of the derailleur can therefore be sensed by sensing the angle of the winding drum 8. The position sensor 9 has a known structure, so further details of its construction also will be omitted.

[0010] One end of a flat cable 10 having a plurality of wires is connected to the contacts in position sensor 9. The flat cable 10 is passed through the lever bracket 5, and a male connector 11 disposed on the other end of cable 10 is connected to a female connector 56 (Figure 5) on a printed circuit board 32, as will be described below. A male connector 12 on one end of a five-wire cable 13 is connected to a female connector 53 on the printed circuit board 32, and the other end of cable 13 is connected to a display (not shown). Figure 3 is an exploded view of the control switch assembly shown in Figure 2. The lever bracket 5, which is used for mounting the control lever 3, is fixed to a handlebar 15 (Figure 1) with a fixing band 16. A concave switch unit 20 is mounted on the inside of the lever bracket 5, i.e., facing the basic centre of the bicycle. Push buttons 35 and 36 of the switch unit 20 are secured at positions where they cannot be accidentally or easily pressed by the thumb when the rider squeezes the control lever 3 for braking.

[0011] The grip 21 in the centre of the lever bracket 5 is roughly rectangular in cross section, and the angles thereof are rounded by chamfering. The surface 22 facing the centre of the bicycle is provided with a switch unit mounting recess 23 for inserting and securing the unitized switch unit 20. Viewed from the front, the switch unit mounting recess 23, which is shaped as a deformed rectangle, is a bottomed hole for inserting and securing the switch unit 20. Two threaded holes 24 are provided in two locations in the switch unit mounting recess 23 for fixing a switch top cover 38 to lever bracket 5 via

screws 39. In addition, a stopper surface 25 is formed in the central portion of the switch unit mounting recess 23 for contacting and positioning the printed circuit board 32 described below.

[0012] The switch unit 20 comprises a switch bottom case 31, the printed circuit board 32, push button guide members 33 and 34, push buttons 35 and 36, a seal 37, the switch top cover 38, the small screws 39, and other components. The switch bottom case 31 is used to fix and hold the printed circuit board 32. The printed circuit board 32 is used to install the push button guide members 33 and 34, connectors for connecting the cables, and so on. The switch top cover 38 and the switch bottom case 31 are fixed as a single unit by ultrasonic welding following assembly. The seal 37 seals the gap between the lever bracket 5 and the switch top cover 38.

[0013] The push button 35 is used to selectively operate an electrical circuit on printed circuit board 32 by depressing a start switch 54 fixedly mounted on the printed board 32. The start switch 54 is used to start and stop measurement of one or more of the displayed parameters. This function is well known, so a detailed description of it will be omitted. The push button guide member 33 is designed to guide the push button 35, thus allowing the start switch 54 to be operated in a secure manner. Similarly, the push button 36 is used to selectively operate an electrical circuit on printed circuit board by depressing a mode switch 55 fixedly mounted on the printed board 32. The mode switch 55 is used to select the display mode, that is, the type of parameter indicated on the display. Display modes include speed display mode, travel distance display mode for displaying the distance travelled, travel time display mode for displaying the time travelled, and so on. These functions also are well known, so a detailed description of them will be omitted. The push button guide member 34 is designed to guide the push button 36, thus allowing the mode switch 55 to be operated in a secure manner.

[0014] In this embodiment, the outside surface of the lever bracket 5 is covered around the entire periphery with a bracket cover 17 (Figure 1) made of a synthetic resin, and a section of bracket cover 17 is provided with two push button protrusions 18. Protrusions 18 indicate the positions at which the push buttons 35 and 36 are installed in the underlying lever bracket 5. Pressing the push button protrusions 18 elastically deforms the bracket cover 17 and depresses the push buttons 35 and 36.

[0015] Also, in this embodiment, the two push button protrusions 18 differ from each other in height and shape. Using different heights, shapes, and other configuration attributes for the push button protrusions 18 makes it possible to determine by touch without looking which of the two protrusions is in contact with the thumb. This, in turn, helps to prevent switch malfunctions. The height and shape of the push buttons 35 and 36 may also be modified to correspond to those of the two push button protrusions 18.

[0016] Figure 4(A) and 4(B) are front and side views, respectively, of the switch bottom case 31 shown in Figure 3. The switch bottom case 31 is a roughly rectangular plate in which a groove 41 is formed around the outside of the front surface 42. The groove 41 is used to insert the protrusion 81 of the switch top cover 38 (Figure 9) and to integrate the two parts by ultrasonic welding. A notch 43 is formed in the switch bottom case 31 for accommodating a female connector 56 (Figure 5(B)) mounted on the printed circuit board 32. Two positioning pins 44 are formed on the front surface 42 of the switch bottom case 31 for positioning the printed board 32 in the switch bottom case 31.

[0017] Figures 5(A) and 5(B) are front and rear views, respectively, of the printed circuit board 32 shown in Figure 3. The printed circuit board 32 is a plate on whose surface an electric circuit is formed by a common method. The printed circuit board 32 has a roughly rectangular outline, and one of the corners is provided with a notch 51. Positioning holes 52 are formed at two locations in the central portion of the printed circuit board 32 for receiving the positioning pins 44 of the switch bottom case 31 to position the printed circuit board 32 in the switch bottom case 31.

[0018] Female connector 53 is fixedly soldered to the front surface of the printed circuit board 32 and is in electric contact with the wiring pattern formed from copper foil or another conductor on the printed circuit board 32. As noted above, female connector 53 connects to male connector 12 on cable 13. Similarly, female connector 56 is fixedly soldered to the rear surface of the printed circuit board 32 and is in electric contact with the wiring pattern formed on the printed circuit board 32. As noted above, female connector 56 connects to male connector 11 on cable 10 which, in turn, is connected to position sensor 9.

[0019] The start switch 54 and the mode switch 55 are conventional types of switches fixed to printed circuit boards by soldering. They are conventionally configured switches wherein pushing the top of each switch opens or closes a circuit in the printed circuit board 32. A spring built into each switch returns the switch to its initial operating position after it is operated.

[0020] Figure 6(A) is a front view of push button guide member 33 shown in Figure 3, and Figure 6(B) is a view taken along line VIB-VIB in Figure 6(A). Push button guide member 34 has the same structure. The push button guide member 33 is positioned on the start switch 54. The push button guide member 33 is used to hold and guide the push button 35 and to allow the start switch 54 to operate reliably. The push button guide member 33 has a rough C-shape in cross section.

[0021] The tips 62 of two legs 61 of push button guide member 33 contact the front surface of the printed circuit board 32, and the legs 61 straddle start switch 54. A cylindrical component 63 is formed in the centre of the push button guide member 33, and a circular through-hole 64 is formed in the centre of the cylindrical compo-

nent 63. As will be described below, the front end face 65 of the push button guide member 33 is brought into contact with the back end face 74 (Figure 7(B)) of the push button 35 during assembly.

[0022] Figure 7(A) is a front view of push button 35 shown in Figure 3, and Figure 7(B) is a view taken along line VIIIB-VIIB in Figure 7(A). Push button 36 is constructed the same way. The push button 35 is made of a synthetic resin elastomer and is deformed when subjected to a given minimum pressure. More specifically, push button 35 comprises a cylindrical actuator 70 and a skirt component 71 formed as one piece therewith. The skirt component 71 is a thin-walled member that is designed to deform the actuator 70 by bending to approximately 180 degrees in order to create a clicking sensation when the switch is depressed. Forming a skirt component 71 to create a clicking sensation is well known in the field of push button technology. A flange component 73 is formed integrally with the skirt component 71, and the flange component 73 is assembled such that its rear end face 74 is in contact with the front end face 65 of the push button guide member 33 (see Figure 10). In this position, the tip surface 72 of the actuator 70 is in contact with the start switch 54. Thus, depressing push button 35 actuates the start switch 54.

[0023] Figure 8(A) is a front view of the seal member 37 shown in Figure 3, and Figure 8(B) is a view taken along line VIIIB-VIIB in Figure 8(A). The seal member 37 may be formed from rubber, and it is designed to seal the gap between the switch unit 20 and the lever bracket 5 (i.e., the gap between the switch top cover 38 and the lever bracket 5). This seal is able to prevent water, contaminants, or the like from penetrating into the switch unit mounting recess 23 formed in the lever bracket 5.

[0024] Figures 9(A)-9(D) are diagrams depicting the switch top cover 38. The switch top cover 38 is integrated with the switch bottom case 31 by ultrasonic fusion, and it functions as the cover of the control switch assembly. The outline of switch top cover 38 roughly corresponds to the shape of the switch unit mounting recess 23 formed in the lever bracket 5. Small screw holes 80 for passing the small screws 39 are formed at two locations so that the switch top cover 38, and thereby the switch unit 20, may be fastened to lever bracket 5.

[0025] A protrusion 81 is monolithically formed to achieve joining with the groove 41 of the switch bottom case 31 (Figure 4), and a stepped portion 82 for accommodating the seal member 37 is formed around the outer periphery of the cover. In addition, two push button holes 83 are formed in the upper portion of the unit. An enclosed component 85 for accommodating and housing push button guide members 33 and 34 is formed in such a way that it is open on one side and is connected to the push button holes 83. A notch 84 is formed on the edge of the switch top cover 38 for accommodating a cord seal 40 (Figure 3) made of a synthetic resin elastomer for preventing water, contaminants, or the like from penetrating into the gap between the flat cable 13

and the switch top cover 38.

[0026] Figure 10 is a cross sectional view of the switch unit 20 of Figure 3 in an assembled state. To assemble switch unit 20, the two positioning pins 44 of the switch bottom case 31 are inserted into the positioning holes 52 of the printed circuit board 32. The push buttons 35 and 36 and the push button guide members 33 and 34 are attached to the switch top cover 38, and the protrusion 81 of the switch top cover 38 is inserted into the groove 41 of the switch bottom cover. The joints of the protrusion 81 and groove 41 are then integrally fused by ultrasonic fusion. The seal member 37 is fitted into the stepped portion 82 of the switch top cover 38, the male connectors 11 and 12 of the flat cables 10 and 13 are connected to female connectors 56 and 53 of the printed circuit board 32, and the cord seal 40 is subsequently fitted into the notch 84. The switch top cover 38 is then secured by screwing the small screws 39 into the thread holes 24, to fix the switch unit 20 to the lever bracket 5.

The lever bracket 5 is then covered with the bracket cover 17 and fixed to the handlebar 15 with fixing band 16.

[0027] While the above is a description of various embodiments of the present invention, further modifications may be employed without departing from the scope of the present invention. For example, the size, shape, location or orientation of the various components may be changed as desired. The functions of one element may be performed by two, and vice versa. Thus, while the embodiment described above is such that the body of the switch unit 20 comprises a switch bottom case 31 and a switch top cover 38, the switch top cover 38 and the switch bottom case 31 may be initially integrated without being separated. Furthermore, although the described embodiment involved combining the brake lever and the shifting lever, the present invention is not limited to this option alone. The bicycle switch of the present invention may also be incorporated into other systems as long as a lever switch is provided. Although the above-described embodiment involved using a switch for controlling the bicycle computer, it is also possible to apply this approach to other applications requiring an electric switch such as a shifting switch for an automatic shifting device.

[0028] In the embodiment described above, the push buttons 35 and 36 are guided by the push button guide members 33 and 34. However, it is not always necessary to use the push button guide members 33 and 34. For example, in the device shown in Figure 11 the leg of a push button 35a encircles the start switch 54, thus eliminating the need for push button guide members 33 and 34. Furthermore, the mode switch 55 and the start switch 54 on the printed circuit board 32 may be such that no electric circuits are necessary. In other words, contacts alone may be formed on the printed circuit board 32, and these contacts may come into contact directly with contacts provided to the push buttons 35 and 36.

[0029] Thus, the scope of the invention should not be

limited by the specific structures disclosed. Instead, the true scope of the invention should be determined by the following claims.

Claims

1. A bicycle brake operating apparatus comprising a brake member bracket (5) for attachment to a handlebar (15), and a brake member (3) movably attached to the brake member bracket (5), **characterised in that** the brake member bracket (5) includes a concave inner surface defining a switch mounting recess.
2. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the brake member comprises a brake lever (3) pivotably mounted to the brake member bracket (5).
3. Apparatus according to either preceding claim, further comprising an electrical switch (20) disposed in the switch mounting recess.
4. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the electrical switch (20) is detachably coupled to the brake member bracket (5).
5. Apparatus according to claim 3 or claim 4, further comprising a flexible cover (17) disposed on the brake member bracket (5) and covering the electrical switch (20).
6. Apparatus according to claim 5, wherein the flexible cover (17) is formed of a synthetic resin.
7. Apparatus according to any one of claims 3 to 6, wherein the electrical switch (20) comprises a printed circuit board (32), and a first push button (36) for selectively operating an electrical circuit on the printed circuit board (32).
8. Apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the first push button (36) projects in a direction of an axis of rotation of the brake member (3).
9. Apparatus according to either claim 7 or claim 8, further comprising a switch case (31, 38) for housing the printed circuit board and the first push button (36).
10. Apparatus according to claim 9, further comprising a seal (37) for sealing a junction between the switch case (31, 38) and the brake member bracket (5).
11. Apparatus according to any one of claims 7 to 10, further comprising a flexible cover (17) disposed on the brake member bracket (5) and covering the first push button (36).

12. Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the flexible cover (17) includes a protrusion (18) disposed over the first push button (36).
13. Apparatus according to any one of claims 7 to 12, further comprising a second push button (35) for selectively operating an electrical circuit.
14. Apparatus according to claim 13, wherein the first push button (36) operates a mode switch (55) for a bicycle computer, and wherein the second push button (35) operates a start switch (54) for the bicycle computer.
15. Apparatus according to either claims 13 or 14, wherein the first and second push buttons (36, 35) project in a direction of an axis of rotation of the brake member (3).
16. Apparatus according to any one of claims 13 to 15, further comprising a flexible cover (17) disposed on the brake member bracket and covering the first and second push buttons (36, 35).
17. Apparatus according to claim 16, wherein the flexible cover (17) includes a first protrusion (18) disposed over the first push button (36), and a second protrusion (18) disposed over the second push button (35).
18. Apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the first protrusion (18) is shaped differently from the second protrusion (18).
19. Apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the brake member comprises a brake lever (3) pivotably mounted to the brake member bracket (5), wherein the electrical switch (20) comprises a printed circuit board (32), a first push button (36) for selectively operating an electrical circuit on the printed circuit board (32), a second push button (35) for selectively operating an electrical circuit, and wherein the first and second push buttons (36, 35) project in a direction of an axis of rotation of the brake member (3).
20. Apparatus according to claim 19, further comprising a flexible cover (17) disposed on the brake member bracket (5) and covering the first and second push buttons (36, 35).
21. Apparatus according to claim 20, wherein the flexible cover (17) includes a first protrusion (18) disposed over the first push button (36), and a second protrusion (18) disposed over the second push button (35).
22. Apparatus according to claim 21, wherein the first protrusion (18) is shaped differently from the sec-

ond protrusion (18).

23. Apparatus according to any preceding claim, wherein the switch mounting recess is disposed on a lateral side of the brake member bracket (5).
24. Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the brake member comprises a brake lever (3) that pivots around a pivot axis to operate a brake, and wherein the switch mounting recess is defined by a surface of the brake member bracket (5) that is substantially perpendicular to the pivot axis.

Patentansprüche

1. Eine Fahrradbremsbetätigungsverrichtung, die einen Bremsteilträger (5) zum Anbringen an einer Lenkstange (15) und einen Bremsenteil (3), der bewegbar an dem Bremsteilträger (5) angebracht ist, beinhaltet, **dadurch gekennzeichnet, dass** der Bremsteilträger (5) eine konkave Innenfläche, die eine Aussparung zum Montieren eines Schalters festlegt, umfasst.
2. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei der Bremsenteil einen an dem Bremsteilträger (5) schwenkbar montierten Bremshebel (3) beinhaltet.
3. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, die ferner einen elektrischen Schalter (20), der in der Aussparung zum Montieren eines Schalters angeordnet ist, beinhaltet.
4. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 3, wobei der elektrische Schalter (20) mit dem Bremsteilträger (5) demontierbar gekoppelt ist.
5. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 3 oder 4, die ferner eine flexible Abdeckung (17), die auf dem Bremsteilträger (5) angeordnet ist und den elektrischen Schalter (20) abdeckt, beinhaltet.
6. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 5, wobei die flexible Abdeckung (17) aus einem Kunstharz hergestellt ist.
7. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der Ansprüche 3 bis 6, wobei der elektrische Schalter (20) eine Leiterplatte (32) und einen ersten Tastschalter (36) zum selektiven Betätigen eines elektrischen Schaltkreises auf der Leiterplatte (32) beinhaltet.
8. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 7, wobei der erste Tastschalter (36) in Richtung einer Drehachse des Bremssteils (3) vorsteht.
9. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 7 oder Anspruch 8,

die ferner einen Schaltkasten (31, 38) zum Unterbringen der Leiterplatte und des ersten Tastschalters (36) beinhaltet.

10. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 9, die ferner eine Dichtung (37) zum Dichten einer Verbindungsstelle zwischen dem Schaltkasten (31, 38) und dem Bremsteilträger (5) beinhaltet. 5
11. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der Ansprüche 7 bis 10, die ferner eine flexible Abdeckung (17), die auf dem Bremsteilträger (5) angeordnet ist und den ersten Tastschalter (36) abdeckt, beinhaltet. 10
12. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 11, wobei die flexible Abdeckung (17) einen Vorsprung (18), der über dem ersten Tastschalter (36) angeordnet ist, umfasst. 15
13. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der Ansprüche 7 bis 12, die ferner einen zweiten Tastschalter (35) zum selektiven Betätigen eines elektrischen Schaltkreises beinhaltet. 20
14. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 13, wobei der erste Tastschalter (36) einen Modusschalter (55) für einen Fahrradcomputer betätigt, und wobei der zweite Tastschalter (35) einen Startschalter (54) für den Fahrradcomputer betätigt. 25
15. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 13 oder 14, wobei der erste und zweite Tastschalter (36, 35) in Richtung einer Drehachse des Bremsteils (3) vorstehen. 30
16. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der Ansprüche 13 bis 15, die ferner eine flexible Abdeckung (17), die auf dem Bremsteilträger angeordnet ist und den ersten und zweiten Tastschalter (36, 35) abdeckt, beinhaltet. 35
17. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 16, wobei die flexible Abdeckung (17) einen ersten Vorsprung (18), der über dem ersten Tastschalter (36) angeordnet ist, und einen zweiten Vorsprung (18), der über dem zweiten Tastschalter (35) angeordnet ist, umfasst. 40
18. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 17, wobei sich die Form des ersten Vorsprungs (18) von der Form des zweiten Vorsprungs (18) unterscheidet. 45
19. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 3, wobei der Bremsenteil einen an dem Bremsteilträger (5) schwenkbar montierten Bremshebel (3) beinhaltet, wobei der elektrische Schalter (20) eine Leiterplatte (32), einen ersten Tastschalter (36) zum selektiven Betätigen eines elektrischen Schaltkreises auf der Leiterplatte (32), einen zweiten Tastschalter (35) zum selektiven Betätigen eines elektrischen Schaltkreises beinhaltet, und wobei der erste und zweite Tastschalter (36, 35) in Richtung einer Drehachse des Bremsteils (3) vorstehen. 50

schalter (36, 35) in Richtung einer Drehachse des Bremsteils (3) vorstehen.

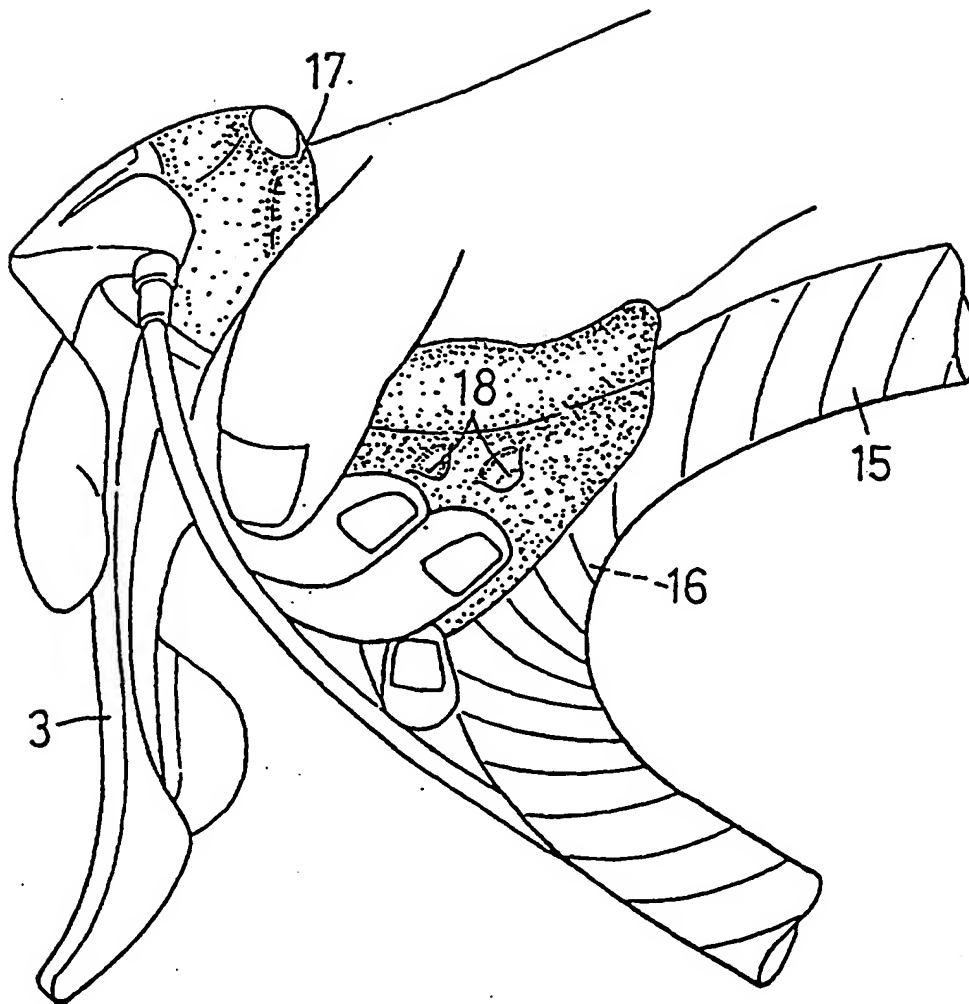
20. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 19, die ferner eine flexible Abdeckung (17), die auf dem Bremsteilträger (5) angeordnet ist und den ersten und zweiten Tastschalter (36, 35) abdeckt, beinhaltet.
21. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 20, wobei die flexible Abdeckung (17) einen ersten Vorsprung (18), der über dem ersten Tastschalter (36) angeordnet ist, und einen zweiten Vorsprung (18), der über dem zweiten Tastschalter (35) angeordnet ist, umfasst.
22. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 21, wobei sich die Form des ersten Vorsprungs (18) von der Form des zweiten Vorsprungs (18) unterscheidet.
23. Vorrichtung gemäß einem der vorhergehenden Ansprüche, wobei die Aussparung zum Montieren eines Schalters auf einer lateralen Seite des Bremsteilträgers (5) angeordnet ist.
24. Vorrichtung gemäß Anspruch 1, wobei der Bremsenteil einen Bremshebel (3), der um eine Schwenkachse schwenkt, um eine Bremse zu betätigen, beinhaltet, und wobei die Aussparung zum Montieren eines Schalters durch eine Fläche des Bremsteilträgers (5), die im Wesentlichen senkrecht zur Schwenkachse liegt, festgelegt ist. 30

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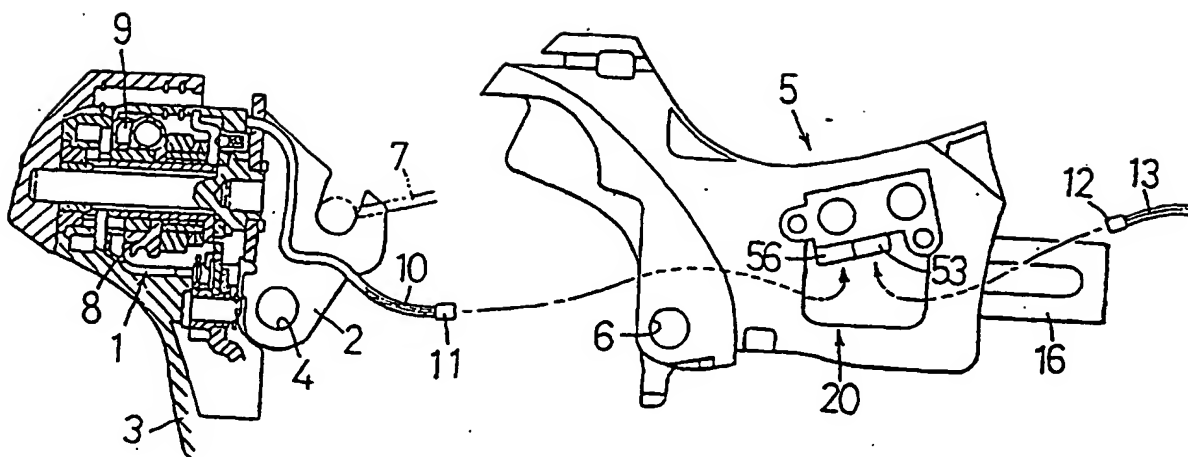
1. Un appareil d'actionnement de frein pour bicyclette comportant une patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) destinée au rattachement à un guidon (15), et un organe de frein (3) attaché de façon déplaçable à la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5), **caractérisé en ce que** la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) comprend une surface interne concave définissant un renforcement de montage de commutateur.
2. Appareil selon la revendication 1, dans lequel l'organe de frein comporte un levier de frein (3) monté de façon à pouvoir pivoter sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5).
3. Appareil selon l'une ou l'autre revendication précédente, comportant de plus un commutateur électrique (20) disposé dans le renforcement de montage de commutateur.
4. Appareil selon la revendication 3, dans lequel le commutateur électrique (20) est couplé de façon amovible à la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5).
5. Appareil selon la revendication 3 ou la revendica-

- tion 4, comportant de plus un couvercle flexible (17) disposé sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) et recouvrant le commutateur électrique (20).
6. Appareil selon la revendication 5, dans lequel le couvercle flexible (17) est formé en une résine synthétique.
 7. Appareil selon une quelconque des revendications 3 à 6, dans lequel le commutateur électrique (20) comporte une carte de circuit imprimé (32), et un premier bouton-poussoir (36) destiné à actionner sélectivement un circuit électrique sur la carte de circuit imprimé (32).
 8. Appareil selon la revendication 7, dans lequel le premier bouton-poussoir (36) se projette dans une direction d'un axe de rotation de l'organe de frein (3).
 9. Appareil selon soit la revendication 7, soit la revendication 8, comportant de plus un boîtier de commutateur (31, 38) destiné à renfermer la carte de circuit imprimé et le premier bouton-poussoir (36).
 10. Appareil selon la revendication 9, comportant de plus un joint d'étanchéité (37) destiné à rendre étanche une jonction entre le boîtier de commutateur (31, 38) et la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5).
 11. Appareil selon une quelconque des revendications 7 à 10, comportant de plus un couvercle flexible (17) disposé sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) et recouvrant le premier bouton-poussoir (36).
 12. Appareil selon la revendication 11, dans lequel le couvercle flexible (17) comprend une saillie (18) disposée par-dessus le premier bouton-poussoir (36).
 13. Appareil selon une quelconque des revendications 7 à 12, comportant de plus un deuxième bouton-poussoir (35) destiné à actionner sélectivement un circuit électrique.
 14. Appareil selon la revendication 13, dans lequel le premier bouton-poussoir (36) actionne un commutateur de mode (55) pour un ordinateur de bicyclette, et dans lequel le deuxième bouton-poussoir (35) actionne un commutateur de démarrage (54) pour l'ordinateur de bicyclette.
 15. Appareil selon soit la revendication 13, soit la revendication 14, dans lequel les premier et deuxième boutons-poussoirs (36, 35) se projettent dans une direction d'un axe de rotation de l'organe de frein (3).
 16. Appareil selon une quelconque des revendications 13 à 15, comportant de plus un couvercle flexible (17) disposé sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein et recouvrant les premier et deuxième boutons-poussoirs (36, 35).
 17. Appareil selon la revendication 16, dans lequel le couvercle flexible (17) comprend une première saillie (18) disposée par-dessus le premier bouton-poussoir (36), et une deuxième saillie (18) disposée par-dessus le deuxième bouton-poussoir (35).
 18. Appareil selon la revendication 17, dans lequel la première saillie (18) est configurée différemment de la deuxième saillie (18).
 19. Appareil selon la revendication 3, dans lequel l'organe de frein comporte un levier de frein (3) monté de façon à pouvoir pivoter sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5), dans lequel le commutateur électrique (20) comporte une carte de circuit imprimé (32), un premier bouton-poussoir (36) destiné à actionner sélectivement un circuit électrique sur la carte de circuit imprimé (32), un deuxième bouton-poussoir (35) destiné à actionner sélectivement un circuit électrique, et dans lequel les premier et deuxième boutons-poussoirs (36, 35) se projettent dans une direction d'un axe de rotation de l'organe de frein (3).
 20. Appareil selon la revendication 19, comportant de plus un couvercle flexible (17) disposé sur la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) et recouvrant les premier et deuxième boutons-poussoirs (36, 35).
 21. Appareil selon la revendication 20, dans lequel le couvercle flexible (17) comprend une première saillie (18) disposée par-dessus le premier bouton-poussoir (36), et une deuxième saillie (18) disposée par-dessus le deuxième bouton-poussoir (35).
 22. Appareil selon la revendication 21, dans lequel la première saillie (18) est configurée différemment de la deuxième saillie (18).
 23. Appareil selon n'importe quelle revendication précédente, dans lequel le renforcement de montage de commutateur est disposé sur un côté latéral de la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5).
 24. Appareil selon la revendication 1, dans lequel l'organe de frein comporte un levier de frein (3) qui pivote autour d'un axe de pivot pour actionner un frein, et dans lequel le renforcement de montage de commutateur est défini par une surface de la patte d'attache d'organe de frein (5) qui est substantiellement perpendiculaire à l'axe de pivot.

[Figure 1]



[Figure 2]



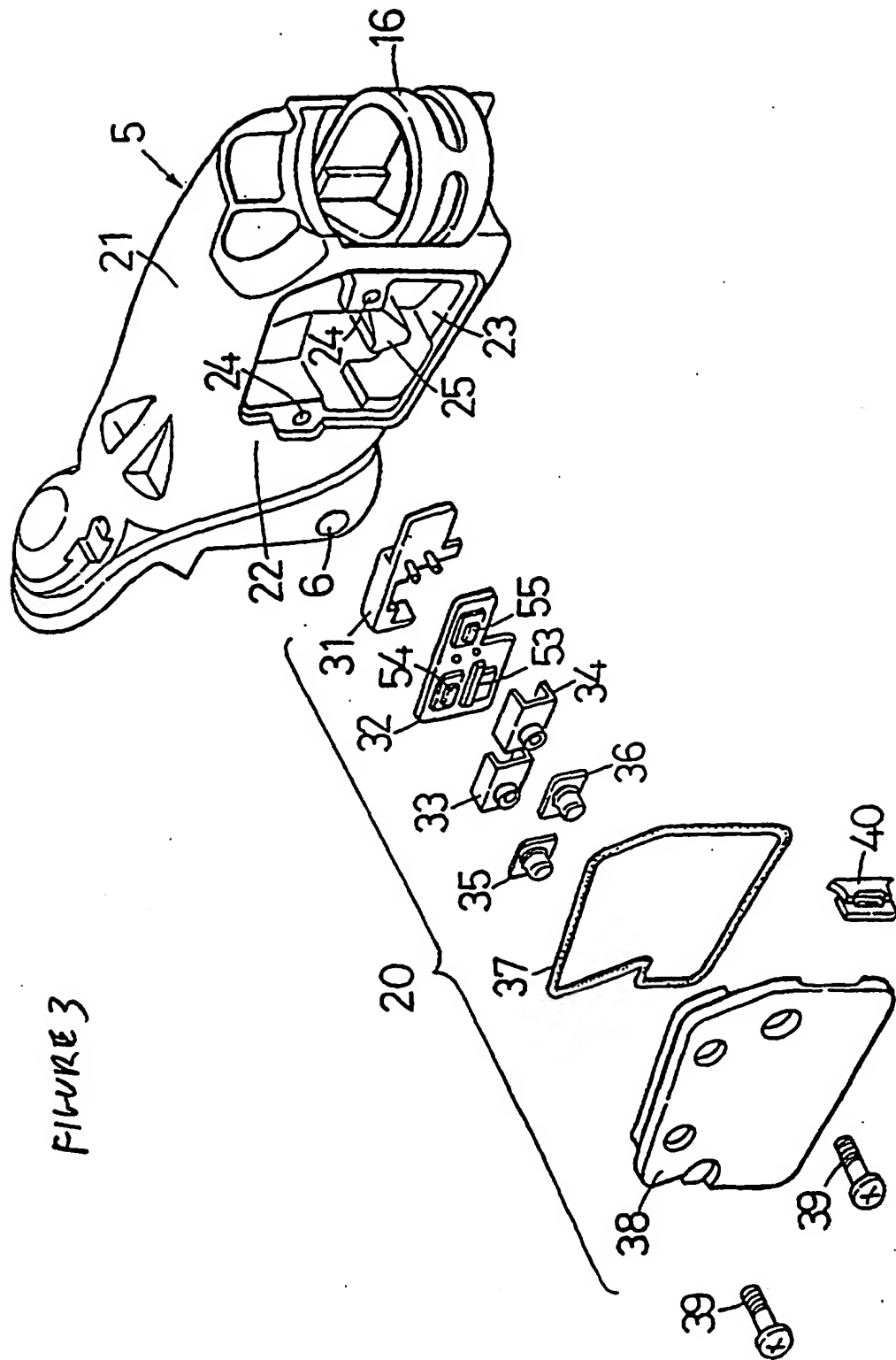


FIGURE 3

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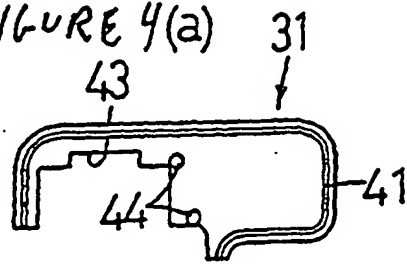


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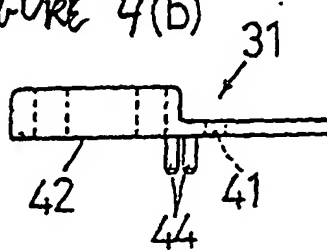


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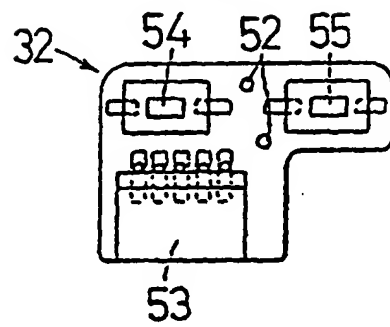


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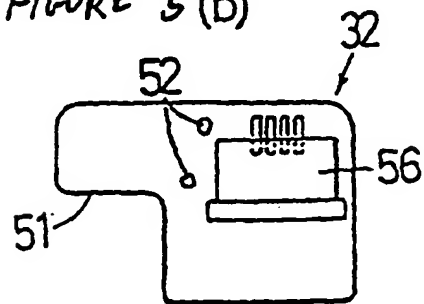


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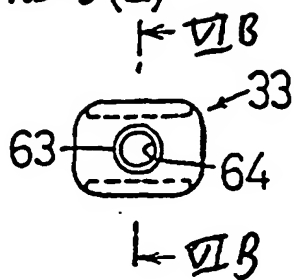


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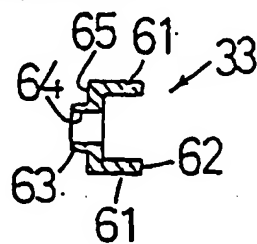


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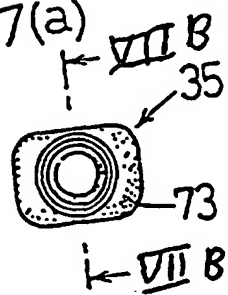


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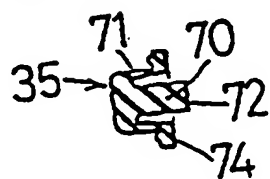


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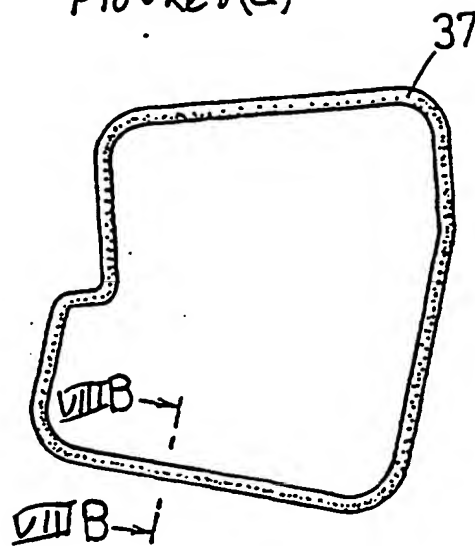


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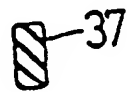


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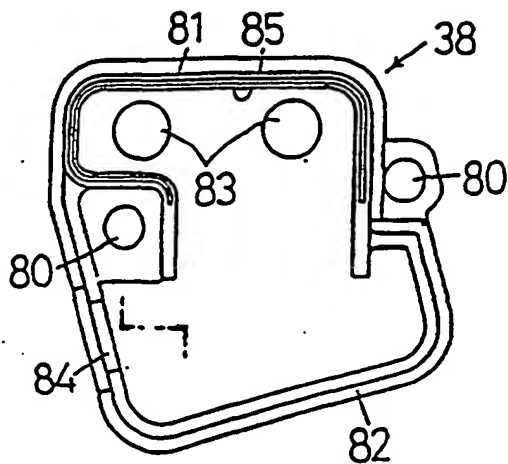


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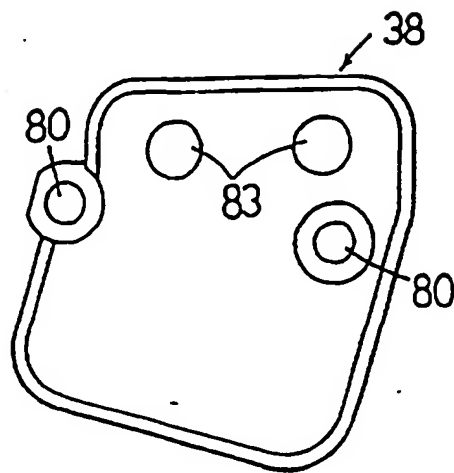


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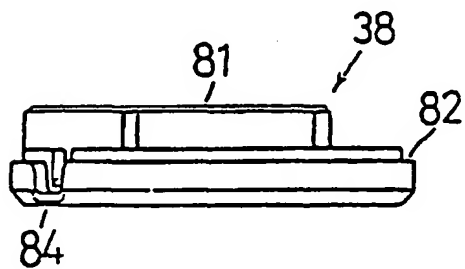
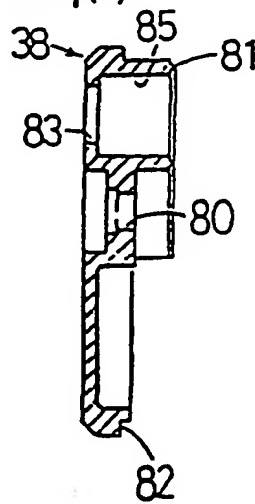
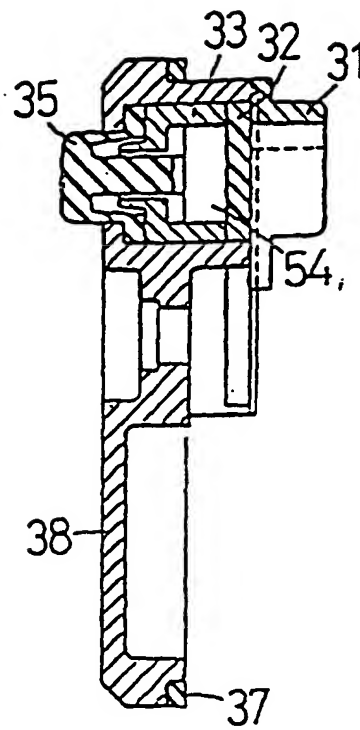


FIGURE 9(d)



[Figure 10]



[Figure 11]

